

ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Wash. Co.
Canehill

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF CANEHILL
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Survey Number CH-2

Owner Roger and Maryann Corey

Property Name John Edmiston House (CMRA)

Address Canehill, AR 72717

Location West of Highway 45 off AR 45

Construction Date 1896

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Prominently sited on a hillside facing Highway 45 to the east, the John Edmiston House is a two-and-one-half-story, asymmetrically massed, structure with one-story wings projecting from rear (northwest and southwest) corners. Capped by a hip roof with cross gables, the building's roofscape is actively punctuated with a hip-roofed front dormer and a cupola that rises above the north elevation. The building is raised above grade on a stone foundation wall. Horizontal weatherboard faces the first floor of the house while imbricated shingles enrich the second-floor elevation and gable ends. A lavishly detailed one-story, shed-roofed, Eastlake-influenced front porch wraps around to the south elevation forming a half-hexagonal bay as it turns the corner. The porch features a gable-roofed entrance, turned columns supported on and terminating in square piers spanned by decorative wood segmental arches, sawn balusters, and spindled frieze. Two chamfered bays -- one, a one-story bay in the second floor, the other a two-story bay at the northwest corner of the house -- project from the principal (east) elevation. A second-floor balcony is prominent in the corner bay. Other decorative exterior details of note include rooftop finials, bargeboards, pendanted brackets, modillions, dentiling and cornice boards. Fenestration consists of simple, yet distinctively framed rectangular windows; a leaded glass transom enhances the chamfered bay. Some original wainscoting, pocket doors and central staircase are all that survive of significant interior fabric.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Displaying a fine interpretation of the actively articulated decorative details associated with the Queen Anne and Eastlake styles of the late Victorian era, the John Edmiston House is Canehill's most architecturally outstanding late-nineteenth-century residential structure. Especially prominent in the townscape as a result of its comparatively large scale and auspicious site, the house is embellished with the eclectic vocabulary of its period, including Eastlake wrap-around porch, imbricated shingles, lofty finials, chamfered bays, and distinctive cupola. The craftsmanship of the house is as noteworthy as the variety of elements that enrich it. The house is historically significant in connection with its builder John Edmiston, a member of a family prominent in the mercantile business. In addition to operating a commercial establishment, Edmiston served on the board of the Bank of Canehill and had interests in the town's apple industry.

Verbal Boundary Description Block 3, Pyeatte's Addition, Lots 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10

Acreage less than one acre

Quadrangle Name Lincoln, Ark.

Quadrangle Scale 1:24000

UTM Reference

Zone 15 Easting 374 030 Northing 3975 080

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Canehill Multiple Resource Area
State Arkansas

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 13 1. Moore House | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>11/17/82 Anne Lee Boyd</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>11/16/82 Patrick Andrus</u> |
| 2. Methodist Manse | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>11/17/82 Delores Byers</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 3. Edmiston, D. N., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>11/17/82 Delores Byers</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 4. Canehill Cemetery | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>11/17/82 Anne Lee Boyd</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>11/16/82 Patrick Andrus</u> |
| 5. Canehill College Building | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>11/17/82 Delores Byers</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 6. Edmiston, John, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>11/17/82 Delores Byers</u> |
| | | Attest | _____ |
| 19 7. Welch, William, House | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>11/17/82 Anne Lee Boyd</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>11/16/82 Patrick Andrus</u> |
| 8. Edmiston, Zeb, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>11/17/82 Delores Byers</u> |
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| 9. Blackburn House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>11/17/82 Delores Byers</u> |
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| 20 10. McClellan, E. W., House | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>11/17/82 Anne Lee Boyd</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>11/16/82 Patrick Andrus</u> |

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National Park Service

Edmiston, John, House (Canehill MRA)
Washington County
ARKANSAS

Working No. 10/5/82-2739

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83

Date Due: 11/4/82 - 11/9/82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 11/17/82

Entered in the ☐ RETURN

National Register ☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

☐ resubmission

☐ nomination by person or local government

☐ owner objection

☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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John Edminston House
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Canehill, AR
Bob Dunn, photographer
Negative at Ark. Historic Preservation
Program
View from the Southeast
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Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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